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SUBJECT: DUTCH REACTION TO TINDEMANS REPORT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED JAN 7 ON TINDEMANS  
REPORT:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES THAT  
THE GOVERNMENT HAS LEARNED WITH GREAT APPRECIATION THAT PRIME  
MINISTER (LEO) TINDEMANS HAS SUCCEEDED IN SUBMITTING HIS REPORT  
ON THE EUROPEAN UNION TO THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE END  
OF 1975 AS AGREED AT THE PARIS SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN DECEMBER 1974.  
THIS WAS NOT AN EASY TASK, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THE CARE WITH  
WHICH MR. TINDEMANS HAS DISCHARGED HIS ASSIGNMENT, HAVING HELD  
CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND WITH GROUPS  
AMONG THE POPULATION OF THE MEMBER-STATES.

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NOW THAT THE REPORT IS AVAILABLE, ALONG WITH THE REPORTS OF

THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AT AN EARLY DATE. AS IS KNOWN, THE NETHERLANDS HAS COMMENCED THESE DISCUSSION ALREADY, ON THE BASIS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE (DUTCH) SPIERENBURG COMMITTEE INTER ALIA.

MR. TINDEMANS' REPORT MERITS CLOSE STUDY, FOR WHICH REASON IT IS NOT YET POSSIBLE TO SAY MUCH ABOUT ITS CONTENTS. IT IS CLEAR FROM A FIRST READING THAT THE AUTHOR HAS BEEN WELL AWARE OF THE NECESSITY TO ACHIEVE BY MEANS OF FAR-REACHING MEASURES A DEGREE OF EUROPEAN UNITY WHICH IS INDISPENSABLE FOR A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER-STATES AND FOR A EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION TO A SOLUTION OF WORLDWIDE PROBLEMS. FURTHER DISCUSSION WILL HAVE TO DEAL ESPECIALLY WITH THE SEQUENCE AND COHERENCE OF THE MEASURES WHICH ARE TO BE TAKEN WITHIN A EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK. MR. TINDEMANS RIGHTLY POINTS OUT THAT DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNION'S FOREIGN RELATIONS IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT A PARALLEL DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNAL COMMUNITY POLICIES: NEITHER THE ONE NOR THE OTHER CAN BE REALIZED WITHOUT AUTHORITATIVE EFFICIENT INSTITUTIONS. IN MR. TINDEMANS' VIEW THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT A TRANSFER OF POWERS TO THESE INSTITUTIONS. END QUOTE.

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